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## Wartburg recognizes MLK Day

By ALAN SIMMER
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Wartburg College shortened classes today for students and faculty to take the afternoon and honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. King is one of the most prominent and influential figures in the history of civil rights.

The celebration of King's rich legacy began Thursday night with a panel discussion on the current state of civil rights and continued with a performance by Chinua Hawk on Saturday. "Crash," a movie widely viewed as a social commentary on race and racism in the modern world, was shown Sunday evening.

Diversity dialogues held this morning and a chapel service this afternoon continued Wartburg's conversation on civil rights.

However, the main focus of the college's celebration is the afternoon of service planned for today. "This is usually one of our bigger service days, and we look forward to making that happen again—spreading volunteerism in our community and thinking about why King held that to be important," Volunteer Action Center (VAC) coordinator junior Holly Hansen said.

Several campus organizations, including EARTH, various music groups, Student Senate and athletic teams will be taking part in projects throughout the Waverly community and the Cedar Valley.

Among those community organizations that will benefit from Wartburg volunteers are Adults Incorporated, Waverly Child Care, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Bartels Lutheran Retirement Home.

"There isn't just one reason to be involved," Student Senate administrative ombudsperson Amanda Pullin said. "The students in Senate are committed to celebrating Martin Luther King Day. Volunteering our time to Wartburg College—[it's] an important part of everyone's life, and it teaches us how to be selfless."

Tribute to King and the work of civil rights activists continues throughout the week.

Tuesday a panel discussion on the First Amendment and journalism will be held at 11:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.

That night "Freedom Sings" a program covering the close relationship between music and free speech, will be held at 7 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium followed by a unity celebration at 8:30 p.m. in the Heritage and St. Elizabeth ballrooms.

On Friday the Entertainment ToKnight-sponsored group Black Elephant will showcase its talents at 8 p.m. in the Lyceum. Black Elephant is a hip-hop, spoken word music performance group.

To get involved with the service projects today, contact the VAC at Ext. 8641 or stop by the VAC's office in the Hub.

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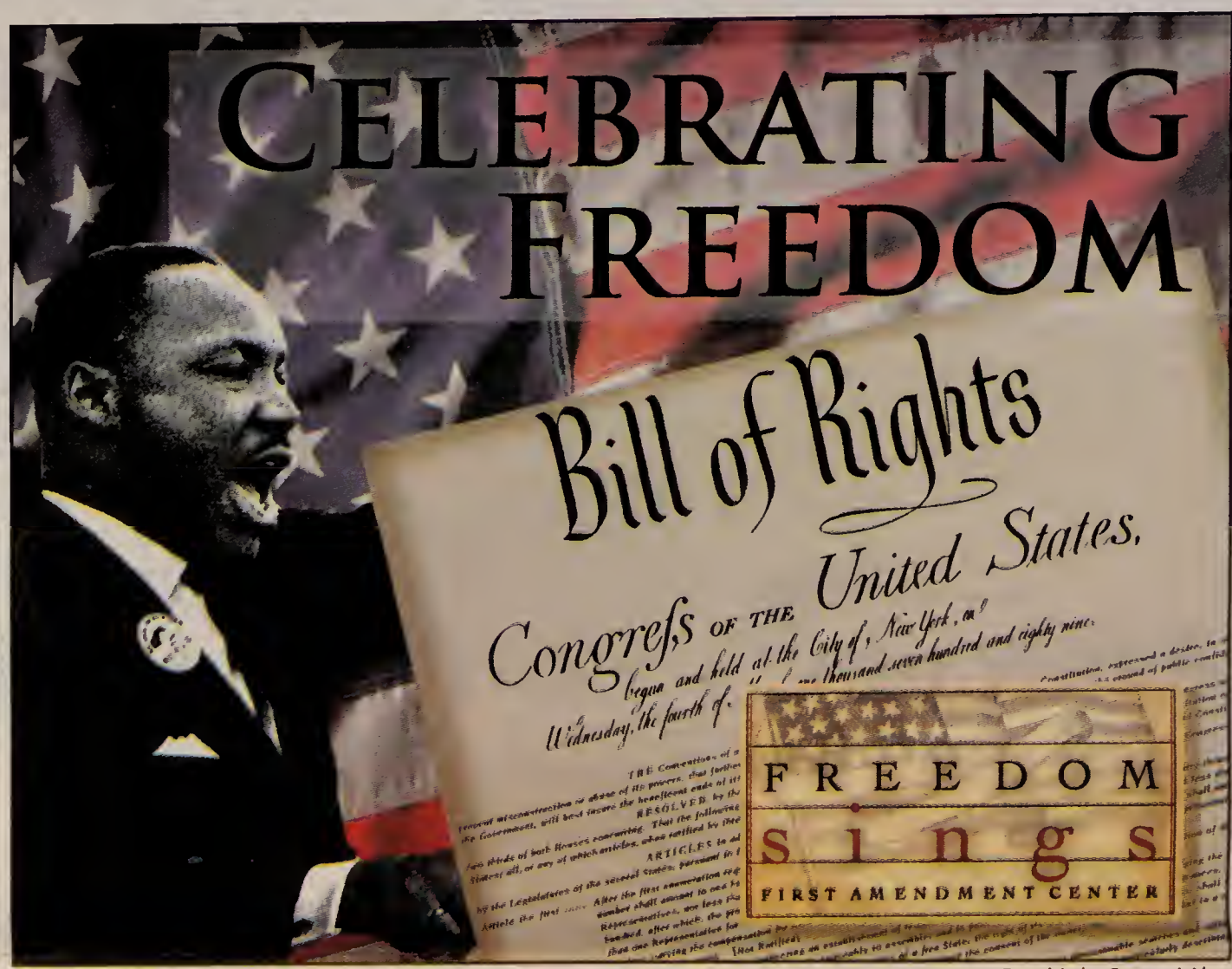


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## First Amendment honored

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Wartburg will celebrate the First Amendment and the 100th anniversary of student publications Tuesday as a part of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration. The event begins with a panel discussion at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in Neumann Auditorium and continue with a live performance of "Freedom Sings" at 7 p.m.

"Without the First Amendment, there is no Martin Luther King Day," communication and marketing writer/editor Karris Golden said. "What I mean is that it's likely he and his contemporaries would have been swiftly silenced had they not had the right to speak freely."

Grant Price, professor emeritus of communication arts, will moderate the panel of journalists who will discuss First Amendment freedoms.

Panelist Robert C. Gremmels '52 will offer his insight as professor emeritus of journalism and former Trumpet editor and adviser.

"Now with all the emphasis in security, I think that too many people are willing to sacrifice their First Amendment rights to what they perceive as security," Gremmels said.

"I used to require journalism students to memorize the First Amendment," he said. "I really think it's an important document, and I just wish more people appreciated it."

Other panelists include Courier editor Saul Shapiro, Des Moines Register assistant managing editor/online Randy Brubaker '80, Fall Term Trumpet editor senior Nick Petaros and attorneys Karen Thalacker '88 and Rachel Riensche '80.

The live performance of "Freedom Sings" tells the story of music banned or censored in America through video and live music performed by award-winning musicians who also have solo careers and rotate from show to show.

Tuesday's performers include pop/country artist Bill Lloyd, Grammy-winning songwriter and rock and roll artist Don Henry, vocalist Shonka Dukureh, vocalist Jonell Mosser, keyboard player for The Steve Miller Band Joseph Wooten, and songwriter/drummer Craig Krampf who has been featured on albums for artists like Melissa Etheridge.

Senior Trumpet entertainment columnist Nathan Countryman saw the "Freedom Sings" performance at a college media convention in 2004.

"I thought [the musicians] did a good job blending their message with memorable songs and made a good point about censorship in all fields of communication," Countryman said. "Usually, when we think of censorship we think of TV or movies, and this proved that censorship strikes in every form of communication."

Golden noted the concert's connection to two of King's passions: the civil rights movement and ending the war in Vietnam.

"Both depended heavily on music to drive home a message," Golden said. "The essence of "Freedom Sings" is an illustration of why and how free speech impacts social justice. It's a history lesson, it's a concert and it's a reminder that the right to free speech—put to music—has changed the world."

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### FIRST AMENDMENT FACTS

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

- The U.S. Constitution did not include the First Amendment. The Bill of Rights, or the first 10 amendments, were included after great debate and were written by James Madison.
- The Bill of Rights went into effect on Dec. 15, 1791, after being ratified by Virginia.
- While the First Amendment makes most Americans believe in absolute free speech, there has continued to be debate about what can be limited under the Bill of Rights, including flag burning, hate speech, pornography and music lyrics.

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# Expand your horizons

By COREY HELLAND
*Columnist*

Knight Writer

There are two groups into which the student population is separated. It doesn't matter what your race or gender is. It doesn't matter where you grew up, or where your home is. Religion does matter, but isn't necessarily a deciding factor. What are the two groups? The Partiers and the Non-Partiers.

As much as diversity is stressed at Wartburg College, the two groups may never fully accept or understand each other. There is a lot of ignorance and negativity expressed from either side in relation to who exactly participates in parties and who does not.

In order to fully grasp what the two groups think of each other, I asked for the Partiers to describe the type of person who does not go out on weekends. The most common words were: introverts, academically-minded and geeks. I then asked the Non-Partiers to describe the Partiers. The most common words were: drunken idiots, jocks, and students with easy majors.

Obviously both groups use generalized stereotypes. I would imagine that many students would be offended to be called any of those names. Just because you're a socialite, you become a beer-guzzling, bumbling beast? Likewise, choosing to stay in on the weekends means you're some sort of brainiac?

The only way to defeat these stereotypes is increasing the knowledge and understanding of both groups. College is supposed to be a time of expanding your horizons and participating in new and unusual experiences. Both the Partiers and the Non-Partiers need to do this.

If you fit in the Non-Partying group, take a weekend this term and go out on the town. If you're under 21, go to Joe's. If you're of age, go to one of the other bars or to a party in town. I'm not talking about getting blitzed, bombed, tanked, trashed, pickled, polluted or wasted. You can have fun without drinking. Parties are social events.

Only so much can be learned through books and movies. Eventually you need to get out and experience the world for yourself. People watch. Sit and talk with a townie. If you've only seen your classmates in the classroom, then you don't understand their true character. There is so much more out there than what you see in class or in your dorm rooms.

If you fit in the Partying group, take a weekend off this term and stay in. One student I talked to this week said getting wasted during the weekend is one of the few things Wartburg students have to look forward to. How sad is that? Even if you are one of the students who does not drink but still goes to parties, try and stay in for one weekend.

The logic for going out works for staying in, as well. While you can learn a lot of life lessons by going out, books and movies teach you as well. Get ahead on your homework. Get some real sleep. A quiet weekend makes your following week much easier to survive.

I don't expect much to change on this issue. Students will still make generalizations on both sides ,and the solidity of the school will be harmed as a result. Feel free to enlist a member of the other group to help you understand their beliefs and to show you a good time on the weekend. After all, a little acceptance can go a long way.

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# Apply King's legacy to your life

By DELFORD DOHERTY
*Columnist*

Since my very first semester, Wartburg College has joined other institutions across the world to celebrate the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Growing up in a different background, in a small country in West Africa, the birthday of King, while celebrated, was not as meaningful to me as it is right now. This is not just because I am a black male living in Waverly, Iowa. More importantly, because of all the different facets of his legacy, I have been able to scuffle through them to find those the personally resonate with me, my background and the life I choose to live.

King's legacy will be a mere story that will become obsolete in time if we do not seek to personally connect with at least one of his many legacies. I am not claiming that his work of selflessness is trivial to our society today and will therefore be worthless in time. I am suggesting that we need to relate that part of our history to the present so that it will always be alive in us.

Today as a black (African) male I feel fortunate because my folks back home will not have to live under the constant fear of being captured and exported overseas to work as slaves. I also feel very fortunate that we do not live in a society in which racial or ethnic discrimination is a societal norm. However, most of us are aware that we still live in a society in which institutional racism lurks around the institutions that govern our lives. We also live in a society in which people are being discriminated against because of their gender, sexuality or creed. We also live in a world in which religious fanatism is used to justify violence. Above all, today we live in a society in which are civil liberties are infringed in the name of national security.

Today the legacy of King goes beyond black and white and is perhaps more significant to our society than before. Therefore, as you attend the celebrations this week, think of this legacy and superimpose it to our present society. Then think of what King would do if he existed in this era.

Remember that through his legacy, King is alive in all of us. Do not allow yourself to be disconnected from the reality of our times because it does not affect us now. In this post 9/11 era, we need to be more attentive than ever before. Injustice anywhere is still a threat to justice everywhere! First it was the Africans, then the Blacks, then the Jews, now the Arabs and the homosexuals! The boundaries are becoming less and less distinct. Who's next, the Knights? Think about these, and I am sure King's legacy will bring a new dimension to your way of thinking.

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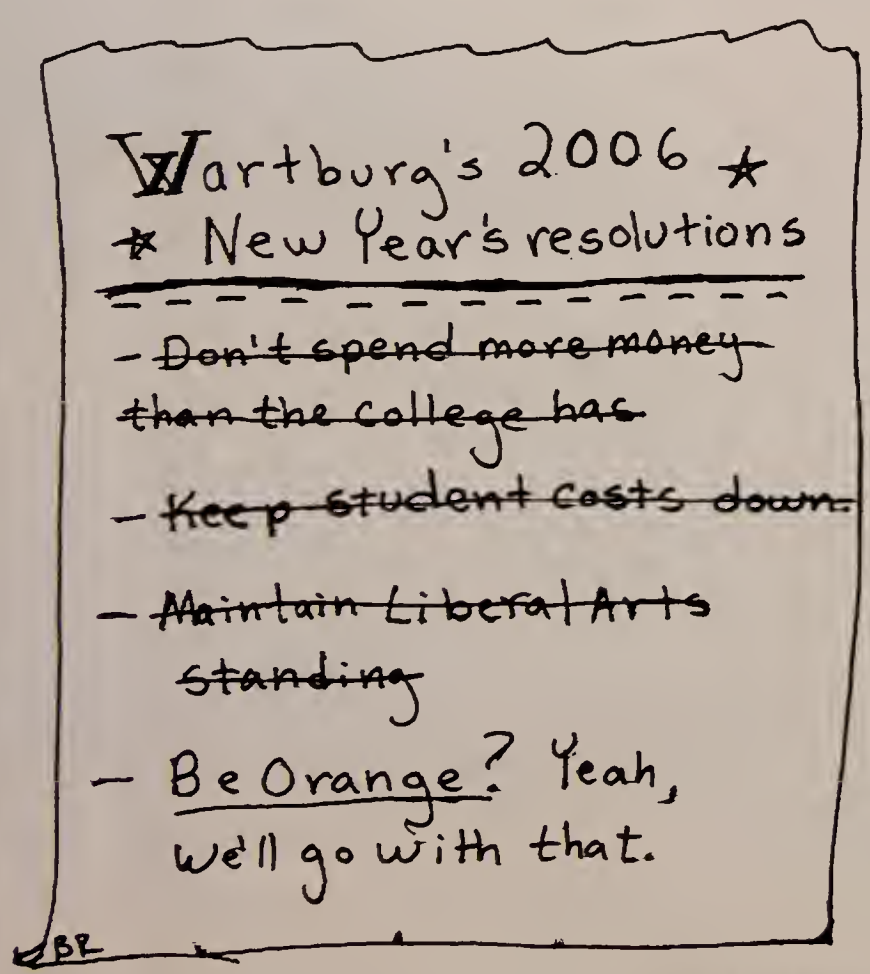


*Cartoon by Becca Robinson*

Dear Fellow Students,

Welcome back everyone. It has been one crazy year and there is still a semester left. What that means is students still need to speak out against injustice, oppression and insanity. Well, I guess I wouldn't go that far, but it would be great for students to keep talking and discussing the decisions made behind closed doors.

Most students don't know what has been going on during the past semester, so let me hit you with some knowledge. More money has been given away this year through Senate than in previous years to students and organizations on campus.

President Ohle has sat in during two forums to directly answer questions posed by students, and these forums will be continued throughout the rest of the year. Also, students HAVE had a say in what the new Wellness Center will look like by meeting with the architects PRIOR to any final decisions.

By no means am I saying that things are all daisies, dandelions and sunshine at Wartburg; far from it. We still need to speak up and be heard, the easiest way to do so is through Senate. We are set up as a liaison between students and administration. We are here to be used. Matter of fact, we love it. We are really easy to get ahold of too. Stop by the office in the Hub or visit the Web site at http://public.wartburg.edu/senate/.

We have one semester left and a lot of things to discuss. Of course, I don't want my sister to have to pay for cable next year, and I think she should get paid more for her on-campus job, well, that is if she had one...

Good luck this semester everyone and our office door is always open!

Matt Lamos
Student Body President

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# Six bands chosen for battle

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Auditions for this year's Battle of the Unsigned Artists (BOUA) began with the tickling of piano keys in Neumann Auditorium Saturday as 11 acts competed for six spots.

Each act, which ranged from a capella soloists to jazz bands, was given a 12-minute time slot to perform their songs as they would appear in the show.

Judges evaluated each act's showmanship, overall sound, musical talent, creativity and originality and whether its appearance was fitting to the musical style.

Several bands decided not to audition at the last minute. "It's sad to see people drop out, but you kind of expect that. I think we'll still have a lot of good stuff to choose from and we'll have a good show," sophomore ETK marketing executive Whitney Free said.

The following artists were selected to compete.

Sophomore soloist **Cree Xiong** sang "Looking Through Your Eyes" by LeAnn Rimes, and an original piece written by her brother Vily Xiong and friend Kacee Thao. She describes her style as free-spirited R&B.

"Singing, to me, is a hobby. Win or lose, you still get to sing. Plus there's a chance of money so why not give it a shot," she said.

**The Leather Pants Project**, an alternative-progressive rock band, features sophomore front man and guitarist Jon Gregg, junior guitarist Cody Eklov, junior bassist Todd DeRidder and sophomore drummer Ben Paulsen. The band practices about once a week and opened last year's 89.1 marathon concert.

"We have a sound probably not matched by anyone else," Gregg said. They played three original pieces written by Gregg and DeRidder.

**Stearon Blues Station (SBS)** has been playing since high school, but picked up freshman bassist Bryan Odeen this year for the group's audition. SBS features Aaron Bopp on guitar and vocals, freshman Jordan Wildermuth on drums, and brothers Grant and Alex Gustafson on guitar. Wildermuth says they have music for everyone: rock, reggae, jazz, funk and blues. "We've played other gigs near the Quad Cities," Grant Gustafson said, "but it'd be cool to see if people like us out here."

**WAKE**'s name is an acronym for its members' last names, but it is a team effort in more than name --- the band collaborated on all the songs. Drummer Jason "Stu" Engen and guitarist and front man Tom Kirby wrote lyrics while guitarist and back-up vocalist junior Francis Wenthold and bassist Ben Adams wrote music. "We want to get our name out and build a fan base," said Wenthold. WAKE was established four years ago, and they have competed in the battle for the last two, with the opportunity to talk with an agent the first year.

**Released Captive** is a jazz-rock Christian band that formed early in the school year. The group performed two original songs called "Beautiful" and "Turn to Jesus" for its audition. "Right now, we're just looking for experience and exposure," said freshman drummer Reid Travis. Released Captive's other members include freshman vocalist Garrett Hufford, freshman guitarist Guthrie Stotser and senior bassist Nathan Miller, who all agree they would use any cash prize to pay off the production of their new CD "Time," available in Hebron 265.

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**BATTLE AUDITIONS**—Junior Todd DeRidder plays bass guitar at the auditions Saturday.

**Funk Lotion** may seem like an offshoot of Wartburg's jazz band, but the group spiced it up with "One for the Money, Two for the Funk" by pianist senior Chris Hadley before its cover of "Play that Funky Music White Boy" with vocals by senior Nick Skurdal. They also feature senior Todd Stanhope on trumpet, freshman Bryan Odeen on bass, senior Greg Schmitt on drums and junior Jay Balek on saxophone. "My hometown doesn't have a lot as far as musicians," said Odeen, who auditioned to join four bands, "so it's really good to be able to come to Wartburg and play music with a bunch of great musicians."

Battle Of the Unsigned Artists will be Saturday, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Admission is $1.

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# Senate approves wage increase

By KACI HANSON
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Wartburg Student Senate voted nearly unanimously to pass the student wage increase proposal into the hands of the president's cabinet.

The proposal requests that the campus minimum wage increase 20 cents per year for four years, starting in the 2006-07 school year. In addition, the proposal calls for an added 15-cent increase for each additional year served in the same position.

The proposal has expectations reaching beyond the pocketbooks of students and faculty. With monetary value aside, the proposal claims that an increase to student wages will bring other benefits, such as keeping students employed on campus rather than searching for jobs elsewhere, helping students work in order to pay the cost of their education, and better preparing students for the competitive economy outside of Wartburg.

The proposal was recently read before Student Senate, which had little opposition. It was sent to the student relations committee for a few minor grammatical corrections. Control of the student wage proposal was then handed over to the president's cabinet to be looked over and have any last questions clarified before the final decision is made by the Board of Regents in February.

Members of the cabinet can amend the proposal without Senate's consent. However, student body president Matt Lamos is invited to the cabinet meeting to defend the proposal. Lamos will not be present for the final cabinet vote. Once the members approve, it will reach its final stop in the agenda binder of the Board of Regents. It will then be either approved, amended or turned down. Dr. Alexander Smith, dean of students, has agreed to be the spokesman for the students at the Regents meeting.

Student body vice president Ashley Weets has confidence in the final proposal and the research and time put into it.

"I'm very optimistic about our proposal. I think this is the best plan the Board of Regents has seen in years. The last proposal was presented at least four years ago and called for an entirely new wage, whereas ours would be implemented more gradually," Weets said.

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## Burning Questions?

**Q: When is Martin Luther King Jr.'s actual birthday? Is it on Monday?**
A: No. King was born on Jan. 15, 1929. His birthday is observed as a federal holiday on the third Monday in January.

**Q: Who would win in a fight, Spider-man or Batman?**
A: Batman. He has cool gadgets and that dark edge that gives him the upper hand, plus he could mow Spider-man down with the Batmobile.

*Send your Burning Questions to trumpet@wartburg.edu.*

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

**WANT TO GET INVOLVED?**
The winter involvement fair will take place on Thursday in the Heritage and St. Elizabeth ballrooms from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**PATHWAYS APPLICATIONS DUE**
Applications are now being taken for Pathways consultants for the 2006-07 academic year. Pick up an application packet at the Pathways Center. The deadline is Friday. Go to www.wartburg.edu/careers/pathjobDes.html to read the job description.

**SUBMISSION EXTENSION**
Wartburg's faith-based magazine A Knight's Armor has extended its deadline. They are accepting submissions until Monday, Jan. 23. Submissions can be sent to knightsarmor@wartburg.edu or campus mailbox 510.

**WARTBURG WEST**
Applications are due Wednesday, Feb. 1, for students interested in Wartburg West this summer or any term next year as well as those applying for the summer term at The Washington Center. For application materials or questions, see Jo Dorrance in Vogel Library 204. Wartburg West Committee interviews will be scheduled the week of Feb. 6.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS**
Classes will begin Thursday at 7 p.m. and will be held for six weeks in the Vogel Library classrooms. Contact Pastor Larry Trachte for details.

**WANT TO BE PRESIDENT?**
The 2006-07 race for Student Senate president, vice president, recorder and treasurer has begun. All students interested in running for these positions can pick up an application in the Student Senate office or outside the Hub. Applications are due Wednesday, Jan. 25. E-mail ashley.weets@wartburg.edu with any questions.

**WRSL HOURS RESUME**
The Writing/Reading/Speaking Lab has resumed its regular hours. The lab is open 6 to 10 p.m. Sunday; 9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. from Monday through Thursday; 9 to 11 a.m. Friday; and 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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# Building a shelter from the storm

By NICK PETAROS
*Managing Editor*

"Come before winter." Staring at his computer, Seth Clarkson clicks the subject line of another mass e-mail forwarded to him by the World Mission Prayer League. The Wartburg senior skims through the letter urging volunteers to build shelters for victims of the earthquake that rocked Pakistan in October, killing 87,000 and leaving an estimated 3.5 million homeless.

The words "come before winter" are repeated eight times in the author's plea for aid. The shelters are needed to save homeless Pakistani families from a heavy barrage of snow expected during the mountain region's monsoon season.

*Seth Clarkson*

With many other ministry and classroom activities consuming Clarkson's life, traveling to another hemisphere doesn't seem practical. Clarkson moves his mouse to delete the e-mail.

But something feels different.

"As I went to delete it, God said, 'GO.' I just felt God tug at my heart so I thought I'd pray about it," Clarkson said.

Clarkson forwards the e-mail to his parents and talks with his fiancée, Wartburg alumnus Emily Suchy. Both parents and fiancée are initially apprehensive about this trip. Clarkson continues to pray for guidance.

Nine days later Clarkson sits in church, flipping through the bulletin. Suddenly, he sees the answer he is looking for.

"I couldn't help but gasp and quiver when I noticed the title of the message that day. It read 'Come before winter'... I was going," Clarkson said.

Prior to that church service, Clarkson e-mailed friend and Wartburg sophomore Ben Dau to help pray for him. During one of their morning Bible study discussions, the two talked about the opportunity to not only help those in immediate physical need but also serve as missionaries. After Clarkson made his decision final, the two began to prepare for the trip.

"[Pakistan] is a heavily Muslim country in dire need of relief," Dau said. "God has called me strongly to minister to people overseas. It was a great experience to work for God as well as learn more about the Islamic faith and the culture of Pakistan."

Ten days prior to departure, Clarkson and Dau began a massive fund-raising campaign. They raised approximately $9,000 from over 500 donors. The money beyond the $3,300 used for travel expenses allowed them to purchase 20 shelters.

On Monday, Dec. 12, as Wartburg students started finals week, Clarkson and Dau embarked on the 28-hour journey from Chicago to Islamabad, Pakistan. They changed flights in Manchester, United Kingdom; Dubai, United Arab Emirates and Karachi, Pakistan.

The Wartburg students were greeted at the airport by a Pakistani Christian who drove them to (TEAM), The Evangelical Alliance Mission headquarters. In Islamabad, Clarkson and Dau met their group of fellow volunteers, including four Canadians and four Indians. The group was transported to a Christian hospital in the Pakistani community of Qalanderabad where they received brief training and their salwar kameez (a long, loose shirt and pajama-like trousers).

From Qalanderabad, the volunteer group traveled a couple of hours to their base camp in Jabori, just west of the 7.6 earthquake's epicenter. Traveling through the Pakistani-controlled Himalayan region of Kashmir, Clarkson said that the region itself reminded him of the Shires in "The Lord of the Rings."

"There were mountains as far as the eye could see," he said.

In these mountains, the volunteers saw the brutal reality of the earthquake's devastation.

"We'd go from mountain side to mountain side to mountain side and all we would see is the rubble left from what used to be homes," Clarkson said.

"Looking around the mountains all you could see is people and you knew that these people were without homes heading into winter."

Tents that had been distributed after the earthquake and make-shift shelters of corn stalks and tarps were the current residences of the villagers awaiting adequate, protective housing. While temperatures were in the 70s during the day, they dropped to around 10 degrees at night. Blankets supplied the only warmth for the homeless and coats were nowhere to be found.

Through all the devastation, Dau noted that the Pakistani people remained strong.

"I was incredibly impressed by the perseverance of these people, their ability to regroup and their desire to make life better than it was," Dau said. "Even though their homes were leveled and many family members and friends died, these people stoically carry on as they piece their lives back together."

During Clarkson and Dau's two-week stay, their 10-person TEAM group constructed 115 sturdy, insulated shelters. They also trained villagers on how to construct the shelters. TEAM brought enough material into the region for 500 shelters.

In addition to the hard labor of construction, TEAM also focused on witnessing to the people of the Jabori region.

"We were in an area that Christians dared not go before the earthquake because it was so heavily Islamic," Clarkson said.

TEAM volunteers were able to communicate with villagers through the use of translators. Both Clarkson and Dau were impressed with how understanding and hospitable the villagers were.

"I have rarely experienced hospitality to rival that of Pakistan," Dau said. "We were fed everywhere we went. There was always tea and 'cookies' waiting for us whenever we reached a new area."

The Wartburg students also felt like they were able to clear up some misconceptions that people in the region had concerning Christians.

"Their understanding of Christians and Americans was equal to that of American pop culture. Their perception of us was people who walk around without any clothing on and have sex all the time and drink all the time," Clarkson said. "We were stereotyped for sure, but we were able to drastically change that perception."

For Clarkson and Dau the most memorable day was on Christmas when an earthquake measuring 5.2 struck the region.

"You could tell the people had just gone through a disaster months before," Clarkson said. "They were afraid. But that Christmas as the earth shook, as boulders sprung down the mountains and dust filled the valleys and streams, we were kept safe."

During the entire trip, both travelers felt a strong spiritual presence as they took part in an experience of a lifetime.

"God called us to be there," Dau said. "We were sheltered by His hand, and I knew that nothing could happen to us apart from His will. That knowledge and faith allowed me to embrace this experience with open arms."

Prior to Clarkson and Dau's departure, area Pakistanis were anticipating the monsoon's arrival. Shortly after leaving Pakistan, Clarkson read in the news that the region he was working in received nine feet of snow. He has yet to find out how the villages and shelters have held up.

"I'm just wondering how the people are going to make it through the winter and how enough help is going to come," Clarkson said. "These people can't think about it; their focus has to be on today.... They're thinking about how to make it through today."

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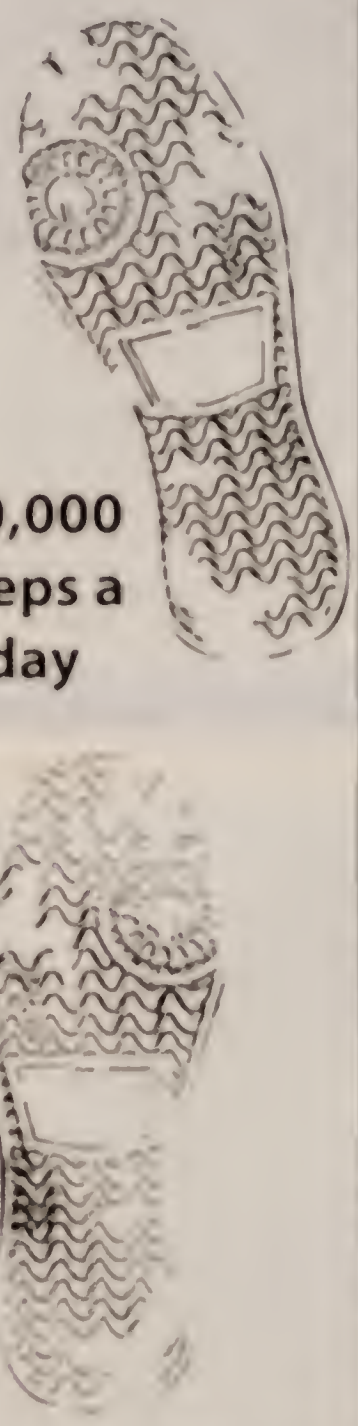
**A SHELTER WELL BUILT**—Two students constructed shelters sturdy enough for Pakistanis to survive a snowy monsoon season.

# Staying Healthy in 2006



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It's a guarantee that things are bound to change as people strive to keep from breaking their New Year's resolutions. This year, it would be nice to see a few resolutions passed to Hollywood to get the movie industry out of its current tailspin.

The first idea to help Hollywood: Stop letting companies release straight-to-DVD sequels. They make money for the companies, but are they really helping the industry? If you want quality films, stop renting or buying cheap sequels. If companies continue making money off films like "Land Before Time XXX: The Quest for the Comic Jackpot," expect films released to theaters to try the same trends. Do you really want to see "Cheaper by the Dozen 3: All Grown Up" in theaters near you?

Also, what's with horror films showing such gruesome imagery? When did our nation become a group of sadists? When previews for "Hostel" not seem to show torture as entertainment, that isn't a mirror. Where are the good suspense films that keep you on the edge of your seat because of their stories and characters instead of the gore these schlock-fests rely on?

Not everything in entertainment at the moment is bad, however. With the start of the new year, several television shows have launched new episodes, including "Scrubs," which had been running from NBC's line up since last May.

This past Tuesday's episodes reminded me why I fell in love with the show and its characters. Between Turk and Todd fighting with chef ideas to "Everyone was Kung Fu Fighting" or J.D. being pelted by tennis balls by all of the workers of Sacred Heart in another of the banter's twisted jokes, the show had me in stitches.

If a revived NBC couldn't pass this proof with their other comedy gem that season, "My Name is Earl," these two shows are a combo that could definitely make Thursday's comedy block a must see.

This Tuesday, I'll be catching an event happening on campus. The musical event "Tomorrow Songs" will be held in Neumann Auditorium at 7 p.m., and I wouldn't miss it. I recommend the concert to anyone interested in learning more about how ceremonies affect all different traditions.

One final note of praise goes out to the Martin Luther King celebration committee at Wartburg, not Hollywood. Last night, they held a screening of the best film of 2005: "Crash." The film raises a lot of good questions, so anyone who didn't catch the screening should definitely rent or borrow a copy today.

I hope this year provides more movies like "Crash" and fewer like "Bewitched." Either way, I know I'll enjoy the trip.

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**CAPTIVE FREE**—Mary Beth Smith of Nashville performs with puppets as part of Captive Free, a national youth outreach program.

# Good outlook for seniors

By JESSICA NYSTEL
*Staff Writer*

A steadying economy and more workers reaching retirement age spell good news for the class of 2006. According to a survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), employers expect to hire 14.5 percent more new college graduates in 2005-2006 than they did in 2004-2005. More than nine out of 10 employers surveyed labeled the job market as good, very good or excellent.

Derek Solheim, assistant director of Pathways Center for career services, said he has seen an increase in the number of seniors with jobs before graduation this year than in years past.

"The economy has been steady," he said. "It isn't growing at a record pace, but it's a steady and consistent climb.... With a balanced market, more companies recruit on campus and contact [the college] more."

According to the survey, graduates with accounting, mechanical engineering, business administration or computer science degrees are in high demand.

Dr. John Zelle, professor of computer science, attributes the high demand for computer science to more companies being technologically dependent and fewer graduates nationally.

According to enrollment management, Wartburg had 48 computer science or computer information systems majors in fall term, which Zelle estimates is roughly 40 percent less than six years ago.

"Society is more and more dependent on information technology....There's never been a decrease in demand," Zelle said. "[Computer science] requires very skilled people. Coupled with the dot-com bubble burst, many students don't think it's a 'popular' major, so now there's a shortage."

Companies are looking for those who communicate well and have relevant work experience. Even though good communication skills and real-world experiences are desired, employers surveyed by NACE reported that most recent grads have poor communication and lack real-world experience.

"Businesses are swaying back to a more conservative atmosphere with proper language skills," Solheim said. "[And now] students need relevant work experience. It's not good enough just to have a piece of paper after four years at Wartburg."

Although some majors do not need internships, many professors highly recommend them. Roughly 277 Wartburg students are business administration majors and most have at least one internship.

"We have a goal within the department to have at least 80 percent of students complete at least one internship, and we've exceeded our goal for the past few years," Paul Magnall, chair of the business department, said.

Wartburg's liberal arts education plan may help graduates gain an edge.

"It makes you a more well-rounded individual," senior Abby Goetzinger, a business administration major, said. "Even if business is my area of expertise, I can still have a discussion about philosophy."

Senior Andy Kruse, an engineering science and computer science major, took advantage of both the liberal arts education and internships. Last summer Kruse interned at Tanner Research in Pasadena, Calif. The company's president, John Tanner, is a Wartburg alumnus. That connection helped Kruse get job interviews. He has recently been hired at Hormel Foods as an associate programmer analyst.

"Getting a job without [the internship] would've been extremely difficult," Kruse said. "The liberal arts degree with help me in those areas computer scientists aren't known for...The most important thing about a liberal arts education is learning how to learn."

Magnall said students may not realize that taking classes outside of their major may help future job prospects.

"[Liberal arts] help students understand the differences with people they work with," he said. "If all you ever see [in college] are other accountants, you might have trouble in the real world."

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## Top 10 bachelor's degrees in demand

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| Mechanical Engineering | Computer Engineering |
| Chemical Engineering | Economics & Finance |

*According to a recent NACE survey*

# GMCS expands opportunities

By SNEHA PRADHAN
*Staff Writer*

Leaders of discovering and claiming our callings initiative and Global Multicultural Studies (GMCS) have made a collaborative effort to create the Connections Fellowship for students who have returned from studying abroad.

The fellowship serves as an opportunity for students to know the importance of learning various cultures from all over the world through students who have traveled to different countries.

"Anytime that we are exposed to the way people live their lives, we understand the limitations on our own lives. We learn to respect others and understand ourselves better," Melissa James, associate for discernment and mentoring, said. "We find that we are interconnected, and it raises awareness. It then creates a new sense of responsibility because you create new relationships."

The discovering and claiming our callings initiative is funding the fellowship with a $750 stipend per student per term along with $250 for materials and supplies.

Students must be enrolled for one full semester to be eligible to apply. The deadline for Winter Term fellows is Wednesday, Feb. 1.

According to the fellowship request proposal, it is intended to be a tool for individuals to engage questions of the relationship between their experience and their sense of vocation, share their experiences with others and develop skills for living out their responsibility to their communities.

"We believe that once students have returned from study abroad experiences they are highly motivated to reflect on and share their new understanding of the world with others. This fellowship is designed to give structure and support to that effort," Kim Folkers, GMCS co-director, said.

A need to create a healthier base in building the college as a diverse community was also one of the reasons for the initiation of the Connections Fellowship.

"All communities need to be mindful of what it takes to value the opinions, values, and cultures of others," Folkers said. "Wartburg's community is no different in that regard. Wartburg, like many midwestern institutions, faces challenges in attracting and retaining students with diverse backgrounds. However, I feel that we're actively working to change that."

The connections fellowship is also aimed at creating a sense of realization of the students' responsibilities to the world around them and themselves.

"Studying abroad removes students from the support networks that they've built up around them over the years and requires a level of independence that can't help but bring personal growth as they learn to negotiate new systems and relationships on their own. Many students return from study abroad with a very different sense of their place and calling in the larger world," Folkers said.

Students will be expected to develop an action plan. It could be education events, coffee houses or dialogue with other communities to keep their experiences alive.

Other requirements for returning students who want to apply include statement of intent, specific goals, a budget including any expenses for the action plan and a documentation of all the activities.

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# Track kicks off season with high goals

By ABBY SHOWALTER
*Sports Writer*

Wartburg track and field is more than just another sports team. In fact it doesn't even consider itself a team.

"We're a family," head coach Marcus Newsom said. "Every athlete has something to offer."

This isn't just talk either. Trying to interview just one distance runner on the men's team was impossible. They insisted upon a group interview as the "Distance Group."

Family members Bridget Burns and Josh Hauser are modest about their roles as captains and don't see themselves as any different than other runners.

"My role hasn't changed this year," Hauser, a senior sprinter, said. "I lead by example and doing."

"I help to set the pace at practice," Burns said. "I come into practice ready to work hard and have fun."

Hauser and Burns were major contributors during the 2005 indoor season. Hauser claimed the men's most valuable athlete award at the conference meet, and Burns edged out tough competition to win the 400-meter dash to become a national champion and set a school record with a time of 56.68.

Both are looking forward to the upcoming indoor season.

"My goal is to bring home a trophy," Hauser said.

Burns is looking to stay focused and stay running for the right reasons.

"Mentally I want to make sure I'm running to have fun and running to please myself," Burns said.

Coach Newsom couldn't be more excited for the upcoming season.

"The contribution level is high this year," Newsom said. "We have an outstanding freshman recruiting class."

Track has record numbers this season with 151 athletes currently out for the team. They were able to compete against each other at the intrasquad meet on Friday to kick off the indoor season.

"It's a fun, relaxed event," Newsom said. "We have kid races and you get to see some explosive athletes compete."

The Knights proved themselves last year on the national scene as the women finished second at indoor nationals and both teams won the IIAC championship for the third consecutive year. Newsom was also named the women's Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year.

"It just makes me smile," Newsom said.

Even with the graduation of distance power runners Missy Buttry and Josh Moen, Newsom's expectations are the same.

"You can't replace a Missy or Josh, but now other runners can make the step up," Newsom said. "I expect to compete at a national level; it's the same every year."

The men's distance group is expecting nothing less than last year.

"We want to win indoor as a team," the distance group said. "We've been training hard, getting in shape, running 80-85 miles per week, plus our abs are sore."

Burns is also confident heading into the new season.

"We only lost two national qualifiers and there are freshmen who will benefit the team right away," Burns said.

Through all the success and expectations, Newsom keeps what's really important in life in perspective.

"It's about coming together as a family and working on the person we're becoming," Newsom said. "Every single day when someone walks off the track, ring or field, I hope as an athlete and individual they say: God I hope I made you proud."

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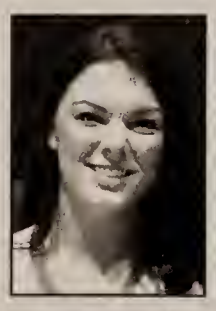
**HIGHER**—Freshman Krista Tessman tries to attempts to clear the bar at the intrasquad track meet Friday.

# Wins move women to fourth place

By ABBY SHOWALTER
*Sports Writer*

Despite facing adversity and injury, the women's basketball team improved to 3-3 in conference play this week.

The Knights have played through starting line-up changes, team injuries to captain Diana Mullins and forward Sharese VanSloten, and tough opponents on the road.



Elizabeth Campbell

Wartburg moved to fourth in the conference standings after going 2-1 for the week.

The Knights were looking to rebound from rough games over winter break to start the second half of the season.

"It's been frustrating," head coach Monica Severson said. "We've been practicing well and it didn't equate to wins."

Saturday, the Knights put up a tough defensive effort and connected on offense to come out on top against the University of Dubuque. Sophomore Elizabeth Campbell led Wartburg with 29 points and 13 rebounds in the Knights' 84-78 victory. Fellow sophomores Megan Hendricks and Jamie Franz also added 27 points combined.

The Knights shot 50.9 percent from the field and had 12 steals on defense.

On Friday, the Knights faced top-ranked conference opponent Simpson College. Wartburg ran into scoring trouble early and never held a lead throughout the game.

Campbell led the team in this game also with nine points and seven rebounds. Hendricks also played big, adding eight points and six rebounds. As a team, the Knights scored 50 points in a devastating 25 point loss to the Storm.

Wartburg took on Central College in its only home game this week. The Knights held a 54-28 rebounding advantage and played strong defense, restricting the Dutch to only 34.9 percent shooting from the field. Leading by double digits most of the game, Wartburg came through with a 76-60 victory.

VanSloten and Campbell aided the balanced team scoring and rebounding, each recording double-doubles. Combined, the ladies scored 29 points and posted 21 of the 54 total rebounds for the Knights.

VanSloten was impressed with the team's performance.

"This was a good win and it boosted our team's confidence," VanSloten said. "We played intense the whole game. We played the whole 40."

Severson agreed with VanSloten.

"We played for the full 40 minutes and shot the ball better," Severson said. "We had balanced scoring."

The Knights, now 6-8 on the season, will continue conference play this week at home at 6 p.m. on Tuesday as Buena Vista comes to town and 2 p.m. on Saturday at home taking on Coe.

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## Koehler becomes head football coach

The Wartburg football team has a new leader as Eric Koehler took over for Rick Willis earlier this month.

Eric Koehler

Koehler has been on the Wartburg staff since the summer of 2002, starting as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. In 2004, Koehler also became the assistant head coach.

Koehler was part of a coaching staff that led the Knights to three consecutive Iowa Conference titles and the NCAA playoffs from 2002-04. Players broke five offensive school records during Koehler's tenure.

Willis, who had been serving as interim athletic director, stepped down Dec. 6 to become the full-time athletic director.

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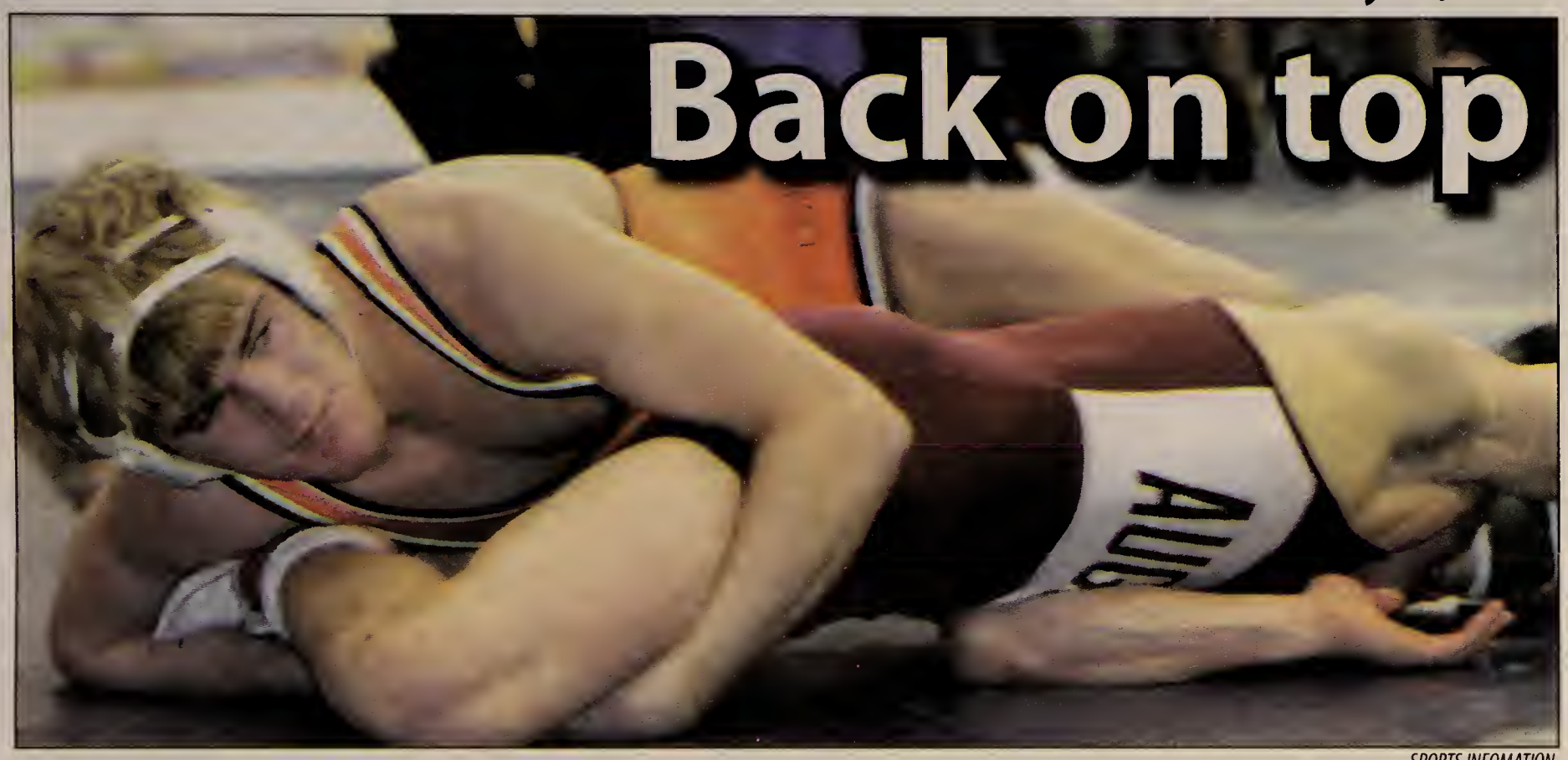


SPORTS INFOMATION

**TITLE TRACK**—Sophomore 149-pounder Jacob Naig works his way to a takedown Sunday. Naig finished with a 2-1 record at the National Duals, including a 3-0 victory over fourth-ranked Jared Evans of Augsburg.

## Wrestlers win 26 of 30 matches to take Duals

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
*Sports Editor*

Dominant.

One word is all that is needed to describe Wartburg's run at the NWCA Cliff Keen National Duals.

The Knights went undefeated in four duals, including a 29-6 beating of Augsburg in the finals.

"This team could set some records," Akeem Carter, the Knights' senior 184-pounder, said. "If we all wrestle at our best, who knows what could happen."

Wartburg entered the meet with the No. 1 ranking for the first time this season. Sunday the team validated the ranking.

The Knights started with four straight wins against Augsburg, including a 3-0 win from third-ranked sophomore Jacob Naig over No. 4-ranked Jared Evans at 149 pounds.

"Naig and Evans have gone back and forth throughout their careers," Miller said. "It was nice to see [Naig] get that win today."

Following close losses at 157 and 165 pounds, the Knights recovered to take the last four matches. Second-ranked senior 174-pounder Scott Kauffman took a major decision over fifth-ranked Robbie Gotreau. No. 4-ranked Carter followed with a 6-3 decision over third-ranked Brad Tupa.

Wartburg knew it needed a complete effort to win its third National Duals title in four years.

"We've been in the finals with Augsburg the last five years and it's always been a dogfight," Miller said. "I know the team score didn't look like it but we thought it was a dogfight out there."

Carter went 3-0 on the weekend and helped lead Wartburg's charge. Still he feels there's room for improvement.

"I don't feel like I wrestled my best," Carter said. "I lost to the No. 1 guy the other day, and so I'm going to try to get better; whether that's by doing more push-ups or taking more time in The Room."

The Knights started Sunday with a 34-6 win over Luther, the fourth-ranked team in the nation. Second-ranked senior 125-pounder Tyler Hubbard started the dual with a pin in 4:18. Wartburg suffered losses at 133 and 149 pounds but took the last six matches to secure the victory.

The win extended Wartburg's IIAC dual win-string to 99, adding extra hype to Friday's home dual with Luther.

Wartburg got off to a fast start Saturday afternoon with a 51-0 win over Simpson. The Knights received technical falls in three of the first four matches and totaled eight bonus-point victories to highlight the shutout.

The Knights took a forfeit victory in the first round after John Carroll pulled out of the meet.

Optimism abounded after the Augsburg dual, but Miller knows his team cannot get overconfident.

"We know it's going to be different next time. They're really good at improving as they go every week."

Miller added he thought they could have wrestled better, citing Hubbard and sophomore Jake Helvey's seven-point wins, one point short of major decisions.

Wartburg (17-0, 3-0) next wrestles at 7 p.m. Friday, hosting Luther. The Knights then travel for a 7 p.m. start Saturday at Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

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**LOOKING INSIDE**—Senior Rance Cartmill tries to find an open teammate against Central Tuesday.

## Ballers shoot down IIAC foes

By AARON HAGEN
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After losing its first conference game of the season a week before, the Wartburg men's basketball team rebounded with three wins last week. Wartburg beat Central at home Tuesday, then won two road games: at Simpson Friday and at Dubuque Saturday.

"The biggest satisfaction with this stretch is that we've had two home games out of nine games," head coach Dick Peth said. "For us to come out of it the way we did playing the quality of competition that we did is a nice position to be in."

Wartburg started out slow at Dubuque, trailing by five points early in the game.

However, a 16-1 run midway through the first half turned the deficit into a strong lead for the Knights, one that would never be relinquished. The Knights took a 36-26 lead into half time and won by the same margin, 75-65.

Senior Jason Steege capped off a solid week with 23 points, including four of five shooting from beyond the arc. Senior Nate Schmidt scored 13, while freshman Cashes Mason came off the bench for 11. Junior Nick Gullickson was the other Knight to score in double figures with 10 points.

While Simpson stuck around with the Knights for most of the first half, Wartburg used a 14-4 run to take a 37-26 lead at the half. Steege started the run with two free throws and senior Joel Formanek finished it with a three in the closing minutes. The Knights pushed the lead to as many as 17 in the second half and took a 68-51 win.

In a game which Wartburg tied the school record for three pointers in a game with 14, sophomore Lee Nelson led the way for Wartburg with 18 points, including six of 10 from beyond the arc. Steege put in 17 points while Schmidt scored 10.

With the score tied at four Tuesday, Wartburg stormed out with a 22-6 run against Central to gain a 16-point advantage. A three by Steege late in the half made the lead 18, and Wartburg scored 55 points in the first half for a 12-point lead.

"It helps when you get out to a big lead so you can let the game come to you and execute on offense and play the way we want to play," Steege said.

The Knights scored only 41 points in the second half, but gave up just 38 to the highest scoring team in the IIAC. Wartburg led by as many as 24 and scored a 96-81 win.

All five starters scored in double figures for the Knights. Steege scored 20, Schmidt had 14 and dished out seven assists, freshman Dan Stark and senior Rance Cartmill each had 13, and Nelson ended with 12 points, six assists and six rebounds.

"I'm trying to attack more and get guys open, and the shots have been falling for me lately, which is a good thing because early in the year, they weren't dropping for me," Steege said.

"Coming back off break, with almost a two week layoff it maybe jumped out and bit us a little bit," Peth said. "I think the fact that school is back in session and we're probably a little more focused now that we're in the classroom three or four hours a day, I think that has probably benefited us. I think we are sharper now mentally than what we were a couple of weeks ago."

Wartburg, now 12-2 overall and 5-1 in the conference, hosts Buena Vista Wednesday at 8 p.m. and hosts Coe Saturday, with tip-off at 4 p.m.

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